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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A clean copy of the amended paragraphs are attached in the Appendix section of this paper as well as marked up in red drawings with Figure 1D, Figure 1C, and Figure 11.

Please amend the 4-th paragraph in the section 'BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS' on page 8, as follows:

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Figure 3 is an illustration of the partial evaluation technique, applied to specializing a function, written in the C programming language;

Last paragraph on the page 10:

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Consider the hardwired scenario depicted in Figure 4A. This hierarchy can be abstracted by the program [below] in Figure 5(left) whose structure models the information resource (in this case, a hierarchy of web pages) and whose control-flow models the information-seeking activity within it (in this case,